

SENATE RESOLUTION 63
By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Karen L. Absalom upon receiving the 2005 H. R. Houston Award for Outstanding Citizenship and Community Service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Karen L. Absalom, who recently received the 2005 H. R. Houston Award for Outstanding Citizenship and Community Service for her meritorious service with the Page Robbins Adult Day Care Center; and

WHEREAS, as Executive Director of Page Robbins Adult Day Care Center, Karen Absalom has led the Center from a single room agency in the Collierville Christian Church, which served only a few clients, to a state-of-the-art building that serves up to forty-five clients in a caring, professional atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the Page Robbins Adult Day Care Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides programs and activities for adults with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Huntington's disease; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the Page Robbins Adult Day Care Center, Mrs. Absalom still finds time to lend her talents to such notable organizations as the Collierville Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Collierville, the Kiwanis Club, Collierville Connection, the Rotary Club, and the Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, receiving her degree from the Columbia School of Nursing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mrs. Absalom dutifully worked as a registered nurse for many years; and

WHEREAS, committed to education, Karen Absalom has been a featured panelist for various educational seminars in Shelby County and the Memphis Metro area; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Absalom is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, and their marriage has been blessed with four children and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a devout and faithful Christian, Mrs. Absalom is an active member of the Collierville Christian Church where she serves on the Fellowship Committee; and

WHEREAS, Karen Absalom epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Karen Absalom for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Karen L. Absalom for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon receiving the 2005 H. R. Houston Award for Outstanding Citizenship and Community Service, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.